

Listing of Claims/Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims that follows will replace all prior versions in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A partly closed air-suspension system for a vehicle, the system comprising at least one first component in communication with atmosphere, said at least one first component being constructed and arranged exclusively for intake of air from atmosphere, and at least one second component in communication with atmosphere, said at least one second component being constructed and arranged exclusively for venting of compressed air to atmosphere and further comprising an air dryer constructed and arranged to permit compressed air to flow in the same direction in all modes of operation of said air-suspension system.

2. (Previously Presented) The air-suspension system according to claim 1, wherein said at least one second component includes at least one valve device.

3. (Previously Presented) The air-suspension system according to claim 2, wherein said at least one valve device is an overpressure-safety valve.

4. (Currently Amended) The air-suspension system according to claim 2, further including an air dryer, and wherein said at least one valve device is constructed and arranged to vent compressed air to atmosphere during regeneration of said air dryer.

5. (Previously Presented) The air-suspension system according to claim 1, further comprising a compressed-air delivery device having an intake side and an outlet side, and wherein said at least one second component is disposed on said outlet side of said compressed-air delivery device.

6. (Previously Presented) The air-suspension system according to claim 5,

wherein said at least one second component includes at least one valve device having an inlet port, and said compressed-air delivery device includes an outlet port on said outlet side, said outlet port being constructed and arranged to permit delivered air to flow out, said outlet port being in communication with said inlet port of said at least one valve device.

7. (Currently Amended) The air-suspension system according to claim 5, ~~further comprising an~~ wherein said air dryer is disposed on said outlet side of said compressed-air delivery device.

8. (Withdrawn) The air-suspension system according to claim 7, further comprising at least one throttle between said compressed-air delivery device and said air dryer.

9. (Withdrawn) The air-suspension system according to claim 8, wherein said compressed-air delivery device includes an outlet port on said outlet side and said at least one throttle is in communication with said outlet port of said compressed-air delivery device.

10. (Withdrawn) The air-suspension system according to claim 8, wherein said at least one second component includes at least one valve device, and said at least one throttle is interposable between said compressed-air delivery device and said air dryer by means of said at least one valve device.

11. (Previously Presented) The air-suspension system according to claim 1, wherein said at least one first component has a first port for communication with atmosphere and said at least one second component has a second port separated from said first port for communication with atmosphere.

12. (Previously Presented) The air-suspension system according to claim 11, wherein said at least one second component includes at least one valve device, and said second

port is constructed and arranged as a vent port of said at least one valve device.

13. (Previously Presented) The air-suspension system according to claim 2, wherein said at least one valve device is constructed and arranged as a directional control valve having at least two valve positions.

14. (Previously Presented) The air-suspension system according to claim 13, wherein said at least two valve positions include a normal fluid passing position and a fluid venting position.

15. (Previously Presented) The air-suspension system according to claim 7, wherein said at least one second component includes at least one valve device and said air dryer includes an air dryer inlet port and an air dryer outlet port, said air dryer inlet port and said air dryer outlet port being in communication with said at least one valve device, and whereby air flows through said air dryer from said air dryer inlet port to said air dryer outlet port.

16. (Previously Presented) The air-suspension system according to claim 14, wherein said at least one valve device includes inlet and outlet ports and a vent port, and said at least one valve device (i) permits a compressed-air flow with a large passage cross section from said inlet port to said outlet port and (ii) shuts off venting through said vent port when said at least one valve device is in said normal fluid passing position.

17. (Previously Presented) The air-suspension system according to claim 14, wherein said at least one valve device includes inlet and outlet ports and a vent port, and said at least one valve device permits (i) a throttled compressed-air flow with small passage cross section from said inlet port to said outlet port and (ii) venting of said compressed air that has flowed through said air dryer through said vent port when said at least one valve device is in said

fluid venting position.

18. (Previously Presented) The air-suspension system according to claim 14, wherein said at least one valve device includes inlet and outlet ports and a vent port, and said at least one valve device has a further valve position, said further valve position being a throttled fluid passing position (i) permitting a throttled compressed-air flow from said inlet port to said outlet port with a small passage cross section and (ii) shutting off venting through said vent port.

19. (Previously Presented) The air-suspension system according to claim 16, wherein (i) said fluid venting position permits compressed-air flow having a small passage cross section, (ii) said at least one valve device has a further valve position, said further valve position being a throttled fluid passing position permitting compressed-air flow also having a small passage cross section, and (iii) a ratio between said large passage cross section and said small passage cross section is at least 25:1.

20. (Previously Presented) The air-suspension system according to claim 2, wherein said at least one valve device is actuatable by compressed air.

21. (Previously Presented) The air-suspension system according to claim 20, wherein said compressed-air delivery device includes an outlet port, and pressure at said outlet port of said compressed-air delivery device effects compressed-air actuation of said at least one valve device.

22. (Previously Presented) The air-suspension system according to claim 2, wherein said at least one valve device is a part of a combined air-discharge/dryer device including at least one air dryer.